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Department of Regulation and Licensing Expands Credential Verification Services

The Department of Regulation and Licensing has added a feature at the department's web site (<http://www.drl.state.wi.us>) which will allow employers and members of the public to verify the status of professional credentials held by nearly 280,000 individuals.

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Once the department's web site is accessed, users may click on "Credential Holder Query" and they will gain access to the department's credential data base where they can verify whether an individual holds a current license in any of the professions regulated by the department.

"Giving employers and consumers the ability to directly access this information on the Internet makes it easier for the public to verify whether a person is entitled to practice a profession in Wisconsin," Secretary Marlene Cummings said. "It will also be an effective deterrent to efforts by any individuals to successfully misrepresent their credential status since anyone with a computer and internet access can quickly verify whether the credential is actually held by that individual," Cummings added.

Continuing Education

Advanced Clinical Ophthalmic procedures have been added to the list of approved topics designated by the Board pursuant to sec. Opt 6.04(1), Code.

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Press 1, then 4 **Application Requests for License & Continuing Education**
Press 2 **Information on Status of Pending Applications**
Press 3 **Information on Renewal, Verifications, Letters of Good Standing & Name or Address Changes.**
Press 4 **Complaint Filing Information**
Press 5 **Application Questions**
Press 6 **Repeat Menu Choices**
FAX: (608) 261-7083

Quick Keys

The following voice mail “**short cuts**” could be sent out with renewal notices and/or otherwise published:

To request a license application for your profession, just dial (608) 266-0145, then enter the Quick Keys number below for the profession you want:

Optometry	1-6
Application, Examination or Endorsement	1-6-1
Continuing Education Information/Application	1-6-2
Optometry DPA or TPA	1-6-3

2000 Meeting Dates

May 12, July 14, September 15, November 17.

Verifications

All requests for verification of license status must be in writing. There is no charge for this service.

Endorsements

Requests for endorsements to other states must be in writing. The cost is \$10. Please make check or money order payable to the Department of Regulation and Licensing.

Visit the Department's Web Site

<http://www.drl.state.wi.us/>

Send comments to dorl@drl.state.wi.us

Wisconsin Statutes and Code

Copies of the Optometry Statutes and Administrative Code can be ordered through the Board Office. Include your name, address, county and a check payable to the Department of Regulation and Licensing in the amount of \$5.28. The latest edition is dated March, 2000.

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